REMARKS

Applicant submits the present amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated December 22, 2005.

Claims 1-5 and 7-9 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 3-5, 7 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C §103(a) as being unpatentable over Berends (U.S. 6,209,857) in view of Collier (U.S. 6,406,221).

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 2 to overcome Examiner's objections in Section 4 of the Office Action. Claim 2 is cancelled as a result of the amendment to claim 1. Additionally, claim 8 has been rewritten in independent form to overcome Examiner's objections in Section 4 of the Office Action. As such, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the §103(a) rejection and solicits allowance of claims 1 and 8. Applicant also respectfully requests allowance of claims 3-5, 7 and 9 on the basis of dependency from allowable base claim 1.

Applicant has amended the claims for the purpose of putting the application in condition for allowance. Support for the claim amendments is found in the specification as amended herein. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added by this amendment.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims in the instant application patentably define Applicant's invention over the prior art references of record and are, therefore, allowable. Accordingly, reconsideration of the above rejections and advancement of the present case to issue is requested. If the Examiner finds to the contrary, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned attorney be contacted at the telephone number given below to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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